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Flu shot supply dwindling

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A London Drugs pharmacist demonstrates how to prepare a dose of the flu vaccine in Vancouver on Wednesday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Demand for flu shots in the Lower Mainland is at fever pitch.

Vancouver Coastal Health officer Dr. Meena Dawar says that the authority's record order of H1N1 flu vaccine this year has already dwindled down to just 4,000.

"We have distributed 400,000 doses, the greatest amount of any season we've had in at least the last decade, and we're nearing that end of that supply," said Dawar.

That means people looking to get a flu vaccination at this point will have to do some searching.

"We're encouraging people to call ahead because often the first place they call may be out, but we know there is more out there," Dawar said. "We keep moving and redistributing doses where they're needed."

Instead of fearing a potential shortage, VCH believes it's a good thing so much of the population is getting vaccinated.

"Most of the high-risk people who wanted to be have already been vaccinated," said Dawar. "So come on out and use up every last dose of vaccine. That would be a good thing for us."

Just make sure you do it fast, says John Tse, vice-president of pharmacy at London Drugs.

"There are already stores that are out," he said. "We have already increased administration of flu shots by 70 per cent over last year, and the season isn't over yet."

Tse warns that his chain could be completely out of the vaccine within a couple of weeks.

British Columbia is currently in the middle of a moderate-to-severe H1N1 outbreak.

"We could expect a couple thousand hospitalizations over the influenza period and we could expect about 500 deaths attributed to influenza," said Dr. Perry Kendall, B.C.'s provincial health officer.

There have been two confirmed H1N1 deaths this flu season, which runs from December to April, and one suspicious but unconfirmed flu death.

The concern about this season's H1N1 flu is that it appears to be striking younger and healthier people, Kendall says.

The virus that has claimed the lives of six people in Saskatchewan and 10 people in Alberta is also making its presence felt in southwestern B.C.

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Police make two arrests

B.C. museum thieves steal Bill Miner's watch

The Royal British Columbia Museum discovered there's no honour among thieves as a pair of bandits made off with a collection of prized watches, including a gold pocket watch that once belonged to legendary train-robber Bill Miner.

Victoria Police said Thursday they recovered the watches, including Miner's 1901 model, and a man and woman face theft-related charges after their arrests at an apartment in Port Alberni, B.C.

Sgt. Colin Brown called the museum theft a crime of opportunity by people who were likely looking to trade the watches for drugs or cash and didn't know or appreciate their historical value.

Museum chief executive officer Jack Lohman praised the efforts of the police, who used fingerprint evidence left on the glass case that held the watches and then worked their street contacts to recover the artifacts.

Lohman said the watches date back to the turn of the century and are extremely valuable to the museum for their historical significance, especially the timepiece associated with Miner.

"I don't think you can put a value on your own history, can you?" he said. "Clearly people have an intent of selling these, but actually they're priceless."

Lohman said the police cracked the case in less than a week.

The theft was reported last Friday, the arrests were made Wednesday and the watches were recovered in Victoria.

The collection is slated to become part of a Gold Rush exhibit the museum is planning for next year.

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Search-and-rescue volunteers have suggested installing video cameras on North Shore trailheads to help narrow down the location of missing hikers.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Could cameras help rescuers save lives?

North Shore. The idea of surveillance on the trails gained traction during the search for missing British tourist

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Local officials are mulling whether surveillance cameras at popular North Shore trailheads could help rescuers save the lives of missing hikers.

Staff from the District of North Vancouver parks department will meet next week with Metro Vancouver, North Shore Rescue and other parties to discuss the idea of cameras at locations such as Lynn Headwaters and Lynn Canyon.

The idea gained traction during the search for missing British hiker Tom Billings, 22, who disappeared in November after heading alone into the mountains. The search was called off earlier this week.

North Shore Rescue lead Tim Jones said video evidence could have helped rescuers narrow down where to look for Billings.

"I'm not saying it would have changed things for survivability, but it would give us just the way he went," Jones told Metro on Sunday.

The District of North Vancouver will "seriously consider" any idea that could help efficiency for the rescue organization, which is run 100 per cent by volunteers, Mayor Richard Walton said in an email.

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"We cannot begin to emphasize enough the extent of the risks that come with venturing unequipped into the North Shore backcountry ..."

Richard Walton, mayor of the District of North Vancouver

"We cannot begin to emphasize enough the extent of the risks that come with venturing unequipped into the North Shore backcountry unprepared," Walton said.

"We should look at any suggestion that reduces risk of harm to life of outdoor recreation enthusiasts and of those who volunteer their time to assist those in trouble in the backcountry."

The question is now whether cameras are feasible — any surveillance in public space requires significant discussion regarding privacy — who would run the program and how much it would cost, Walton said.

Metro Vancouver is "always willing to come to the table" to discuss public safety measures with North Shore Rescue, regional parks direction Mitch Sokalski said.

The rescue squad has helped build safety strategies in the past, he said.

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Old legal rules keep Hollywood Theatre from a future in fitness

Cinephiles rejoice. Save the Hollywood Theatre Coalition working with owner to find new idea

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The proposal to turn the Hollywood Theatre into a fitness centre has met its demise.

Old legal restrictions make it "impossible" for owner Bonnis Properties to transform Kitsilano's 78-year-old single-screen theatre into a two-storey fitness centre, Coun. Geoff Meggs said Thursday.

"The city has carefully reviewed the history of this site and the current application with the owner, and it is clear to both sides that the current proposal cannot proceed," Meggs said.

The city discovered the restrictions during a 75-day pause on development issued in November. While the grace period ends later this month, the city cannot and will not issue any development or demolition permits for the site, Meggs said.

The Save the Hollywood Theatre Coalition is working with the owner to find alternative solutions for the building, which most recently operated as a Pentecostal Church that lent its space for community events.

While the coalition has yet to land on a viable business plan for the site, it is working with other arts-and-culture organizations and the owner to find a community use for the space, Meggs said.

No one will be pumping iron or doing yoga in Kitsilano's Hollywood Theatre for the foreseeable future. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

Brent Butt-s into movie scene with new tour

Brent Butt starts his Almost a Movie Star tour at the end of the month. CONTRIBUTED

The Canadian comedy scene is hard to imagine without Brent Butt.

The Vancouver-based mind behind the sitcom Corner Gas has a lot on his plate: he's a stand-up comedian, writer, actor and producer.

He can now add "almost a movie star" to his list as he tours for an upcoming movie.

Not to pump his tires, but Corner Gas was broadcast in 26 countries and even earned a nomination for an International Emmy Award.

Butt still plays with the possibility of a Corner Gas movie.

"The idea of revisiting it one more time is appealing to me," said Butt. "A lot of people say, 'Do more episodes.' I would never do more episodes. I personally think it would be disrespectful to the series to rehash it.... But things have to line up, (like) people's schedules. It's certainly a possibility."

His second show, Hiccups, ran for two seasons. Now Butt is focused on his transition into film and going on tour.

He recently finished writing and starring in his first full-length feature movie, No Clue, a dark thriller-comedy that will hit theatres March 7.

In the time leading up to the big premiere, Butt will go on an extended cross-country comedy tour: Almost a Movie Star. His Vancouver performance will be held Feb. 6 at the Vogue Theatre.

"I'll always do stand-up. That's the one thing I can never walk away from," said Butt. "I was actually one of the first live performers at the Vogue when it stopped being a movie theatre … so I'll always have a soft spot."

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Synopsis

The upcoming movie No Clue revolves around an unwitting hero, Butt, struggling to guide a beautiful, mysterious woman through a complicated web of corruption and murder before she realizes the truth — he's not actually a private detective.

- It also stars Amy Smart (Just Friends) and David Koechner (Anchorman).

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Simon Fraser plans to open observatory

SFU. $4.4M project aims to benefit kids and undergrads

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Simon Fraser University has unveiled plans to build a $4.4-million observatory on its campus by August with a telescope capable of tracking distant galaxies billions of years old.

The Trottier Observatory, made possible by the Trottier Foundation, will be used to educate and engage youth in science, and to compliment the introduction of undergraduate astronomy courses at SFU.

It will house a 0.7-metre-diameter reflector inside a six-metre-diameter dome.

The telescope will also provide a digital feed and be remotely accessible and deployed by schools and community groups across Canada.

A new studio space next door is already providing space for hands-on science workshops for up to 70 children.

Vancouver already has observatories at the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre and UBC, but this will be the first in Burnaby.

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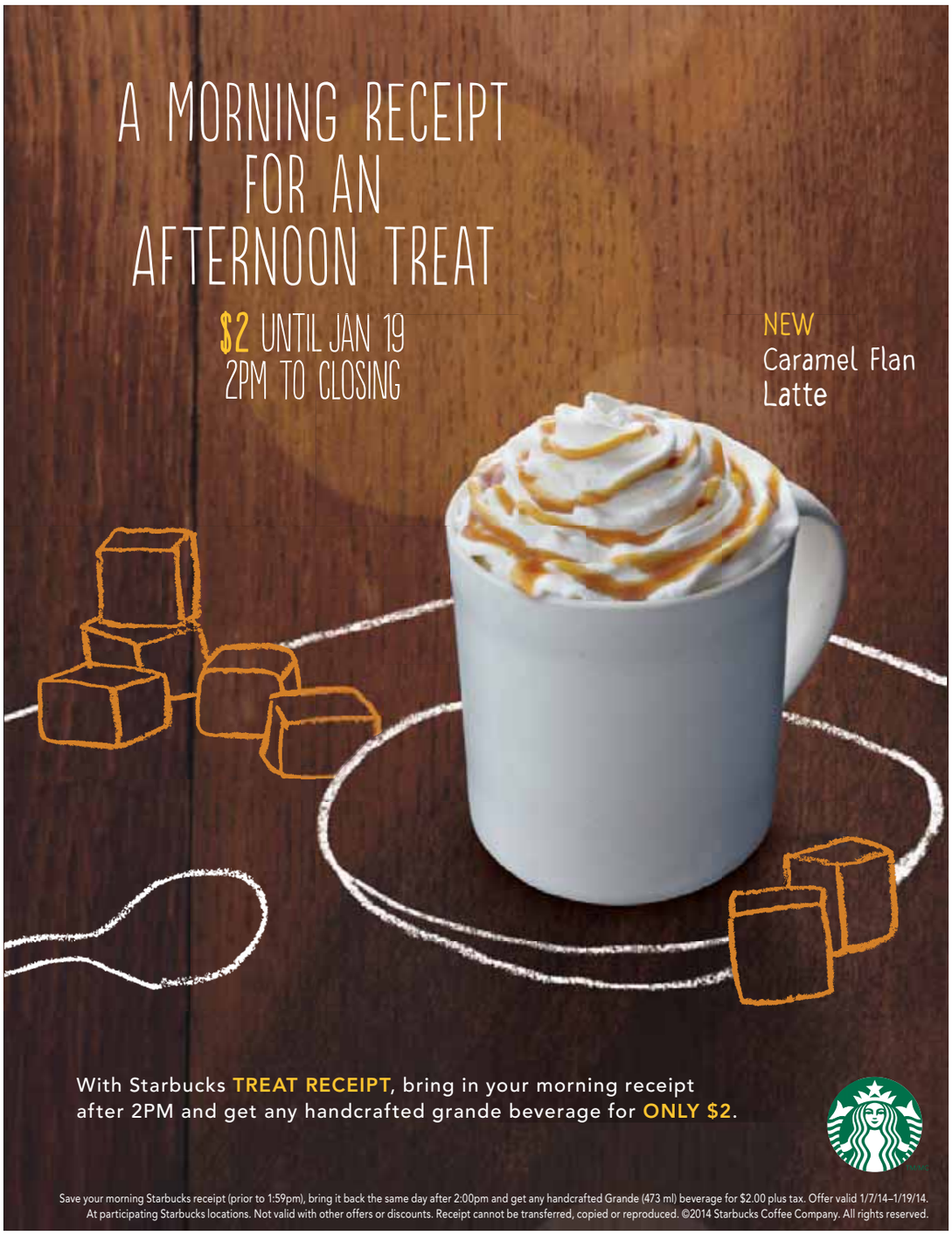
Burnaby is set this year to get its first observatory. COURTESY SFU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E-textiles. Wearable gadgets get jolt of cash

It's research that gives new meaning to the term power suit: Clothing that charges cellphones or monitors the wearer's heart rate or blood pressure.

The development of so-called e-textiles is among 10 research projects at the University of British Columbia that have received $8.5 million in funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, announced Thursday by Greg Rickford, the federal minister of state for science and technology.

Electrical and computer engineering associate professor Peyman Servati, who is leading the research, said wearable electronics such as Google Glass are becoming increasingly popular as people become more reliant on "smart" gadgets.

Fabrics that can generate clean energy are still in the early stages of development. But Servati expects there will be a high demand and he believes smart clothing could be hitting the stores within five to 10 years.

"You have a solar panel that you only put on your roof, right? But you can easily integrate (the technology) into fabric ... and wear it, and charge your phone or warm things," he said.

"If you integrate it to form a tent in a remote area, you can make electricity using sunlight."

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Nanofibres

Servati said creating clothing that can generate solar energy involves integrating thin films of electronics into materials called nanofibres to absorb sunlight. He and his team are also figuring out how the fabric can store the energy, perhaps by incorporating a battery.

Highway 1

Charge laid after crash shuts highway

Highway 1 was shut down for more than 10 hours after two semi-trailers collided Wednesday night.

"Fortunately neither driver was injured in this collision," said Cpl. Robert McDonald in a media release.

Police arrived at the scene, two kilometres west of Hope, around 9 p.m. An investigation revealed that the driver of a semi-trailer loaded with wine lost control and drove it into oncoming traffic. It was struck by a semi-trailer loaded with pulp.

A 30-year-old Abbotsford man has been charged with driving without due care.

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Langley

Two-vehicle collision leaves one dead

Police are investigating a collision that left one man dead in Langley on Thursday.

Witnesses said a motorcycle was speeding down 232 Street and failed to halt at a stop sign before crashing into a pickup at 72 Avenue, said RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks in a media release.

The two occupants of the pickup truck were not injured.

However, the dirt-bike driver was taken by BC Ambulance Service to hospital and has since passed away.

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Experts say Wright could be let off hook

Senate scandal.
RCMP's focus on criminal charges could help PM's former chief of staff avoid legal consequences

Nigel Wright could avoid facing legal consequences for his central role in the Senate expense scandal if the RCMP remains focused strictly on possible criminal offences, parliamentary law experts say.

They believe the surest route for prosecutors against Prime Minister Stephen Harper's former chief of staff is an obscure section of the Parliament of Canada Act.

But so far, the Mounties do not appear to be considering it.

Documents filed in court show the RCMP is intent on proving Wright, along with Sen. Mike Duffy, is guilty of bribery, fraud and breach of trust, as spelled out in the Criminal Code. Wright personally gave Duffy $90,000 so that the senator could pay back disputed living expense claims.

For Rob Walsh, former law clerk for the House of Commons, the Wright-Duffy transaction appears on its face to be a clear violation of Sec. 16 of the Parliament of Canada Act.

Walsh said he believes it would be easier to secure a conviction under the act than under any of the Criminal Code provisions cited thus far by the RCMP. Indeed, he doubts criminal charges could be made to stick in the Wright-Duffy deal.

"The evidentiary burden I think is less (under the act) and, to that extent, it ought to be an easier task to prosecute," Walsh said in an interview.

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Sec. 16

The act specifies that no senator shall receive "any compensation" for services rendered in relation to any bill, contract, controversy, accusation or other matter before the Senate, House or any committee.

N.J. governor apologizes for staff's 'stupidity'

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, second left, arrives at Fort Lee, N.J., where he travelled to apologize in person to Mayor Mark Sokolich. Moving quickly to contain a widening political scandal, Christie fired one of his top aides Thursday and apologized repeatedly for the "abject stupidity" of his staff, insisting he had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams to get even with a Democratic mayor. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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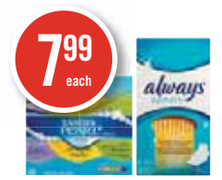

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Pussy Riot sets up prisoners' rights NGO

Justice Zone. Punk band will still make music, but its focus is on activism

Pussy Riot members Maria Alyokhina, left, and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova in court. ANDREY SVITAILO/METRO IN MOSCOW FILE

The recently freed members of the punk protest group Pussy Riot will be less musical and even more political as they fight for human rights in Russia. Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova have revealed plans to set up a new human rights organization called Zona Prava (Justice Zone), which will focus on protecting prisoners' rights. Alyokhina and Tolokonnikova spoke to Metro about their new project and their thoughts on the Sochi Games.

Q: When will your human rights organization begin to work?
Alyokhina: In late January, our organization Zona Prava will be officially registered. Even before this its website will be set up, and all the information about it will appear across social networks.

Q: What will be the first actions Zona Prava will carry out?
Alyokhina: The very first actions will be directed towards specific people with whom we are connected. They are convicted women who testified before human rights activists about what's going on in the penal colonies. These people are subjected to repression, and we intend first and foremost to legally protect them. The issue is about court cases and grievances made against various departmental and prosecutorial authorities.

Q: Will Pussy Riot ever perform again?
Tolokonnikova: It still exists and will continue to exist. Pussy Riot produces songs and videos but has long ceased to be a group — it has turned into a social movement, which in future will continue to evolve.

Q: The Winter Olympics in Sochi take place next month. Will you boycott them?
Tolokonnikova: Yes, as citizens of Russia, we will boycott the Games. We will also call for all Russian citizens who do not agree with the current government's policy, as well as foreign representatives of different countries and companies to boycott the event.

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Cuba

Fidel Castro appears in public

Former President Fidel Castro has made his first public appearance in nine months, attending the opening of an art studio in the Cuban capital. Castro last appeared in public on April 9, 2013, when he attended the inauguration of a Havana school.

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Sarajevo

Last shoe shiner passes away

Thousands of Bosnians have signed a petition urging authorities to erect a monument to Sarajevo's last shoe shiner, who died at 83 after charming generations. As if waiting to be cleaned, a pair of old shoes stood Thursday in front of the wooden chair on which Husein Hasani — known as Uncle Misho — usually sat. Citizens laid flowers and lit candles around the chair.

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Security concerns before Sochi Winter Olympics

Security personnel survey the Olympic Park on Jan. 9 in Alder, Russia, ahead of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics, which start on Feb. 6. A series of unexplained killings in southern Russia involving booby-trapped bombs has further heightened security fears ahead of next month's Winter Olympics in Sochi. Six men were found shot to death the day before in four cars in an area just north of the Caucasus Mountains region, where an Islamic insurgency is simmering.

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The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics: defeat, triumph, tragedy and the weather

"Basically all four years lead to one second that can screw you all up."

Canadian ski jumper Stefan Read on failing to qualify for the main competition.

"We have all seen ... how close victory and failure and disaster is together."

Three-time luge gold medallist and German coach Georg Hackl on the death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili in a Feb. 12 training crash.

"If 80,000 girls (in Canada) are playing 267 (in Slovakia), that's the 18-0."

International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel on the state of women's hockey.

"The snow, we bring it in and the warm weather it comes and it disappears."

VANOC spokeswoman Renee Smith-Valade on the rescue of Cypress Mountain's freestyle skiing and snowboarding venues.

"If I could have done this job with a paper bag over my head I probably would have."

VANOC CEO John Furlong on being a public figure.

"These were excellent and friendly Games!"

IOC president Jacques Rogge

Lessons from an old flame

Whether it was the fatal luge crash at Whistler's too-fast sled track, the spring-like weather, or the opening ceremony cauldron malfunction, Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympics had a dismal start. But they enjoyed a strong finish because red mitten-clad Canadians poured into the streets to cheer on their athletes. But when it comes to a mega-event's legacy, host cities want more than smiles, high fives and happy memories. They want infrastructure, jobs and investment. With the 2014 Winter Games starting next month, Metro looks at Vancouver's Olympic legacy, which could serve as a warning — or hope — for both Sochi and Toronto, host of the 2015 Pan American Games

BOB MACKIN
Metro in Vancouver

The Olympic cauldron during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics on Feb. 19, 2010, at left, and earlier this year. LEFT: HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES FILE; RIGHT: JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

THE PITCH

During his B.C. premiership, Gordon Campbell was the biggest salesman for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

He claimed it would add $10 billion to the province's economy and he boldly challenged the tourism industry to use the Games to double its revenue. Governments also tried to use the Games to spark domestic and international trade and investment, but the 2008 global economic crisis got in the way.

During the boom-and-bust, bid-to-hosting cycle between 2000 and 2010, Campbell's B.C. Progress Board found B.C.'s economy, personal income and jobs rankings fell behind other provinces and social conditions remained static at ninth overall.

TOURISM FALLS SHORT

Through 2012, tourism was a $13.5-billion industry, unlikely to reach Campbell's $18-billion wish by 2015.

"Even though it received a boost from the 2010 Olympic Games, the province's tourism sector has not kept pace with the rest of the economy over the longer run, as growth in 2011 and 2012 has been well below the average in other industries," according to a Destination B.C. report.

Since 2007, tourism expanded 4.5 per cent, which is below the 6.1 per cent for the overall economy and the 7.8 per cent for the service sector.

Buoyed by a record Olympic February, Vancouver registered 8.415 million hotel stays in 2010, far below the 2007 record of 8.91 million. For 2012, the most recent year available, Vancouver counted 8.34 million room nights.

A BOOM FOR REAL ESTATE

Greater Vancouver homebuilding and buying boomed. The population has swelled by 100,000 since January 2010. The Economist Intelligence Unit named Vancouver the world's third most-livable city, but North America's most-expensive.

Metro Vancouver housing starts of 8,203 in 2000 reached 20,736 in 2007. After plummeting to 8,339 in 2009, starts recovered to 19,027 in 2012.

The Games had an estimated 1.8 billion viewers worldwide, including many deep-pocketed real estate investors. Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver statistics show the detached property benchmark was $425,540 when the International Olympic Committee chose Vancouver in July 2003 and rose to $800,796 in February 2010. It reached $927,000 in December 2013.

NOT A BUSINESS DRAW

Vancouver, Richmond and Surrey combined with Western Economic Diversification Canada for the $1.54-million Metro Vancouver Commerce hospitality program at Gamestime. They wined, dined and plied 100 businesspeople with Games tickets, hoping to draw investment.

Two months after the Games, MVC boasted eight deals worth $60 million. Four small companies agreed to open Vancouver offices, none of which remains or appears active. A $25-million hydrogen plant project between North Vancouver's H-Tec and Quebec's Air Liquide hasn't happened. Abbotsford's Cascade Aerospace denied a $27 million deal with Lockheed Martin was related to MVC.

MVC's February 2011 update claimed $168.8 million of investments, of which $146.4 million were one-offs. MVC took credit for luring Mission Impossible 4 to shoot in Vancouver and Digital Domain's work on Tron and Thor. Digital Domain spokeswoman Julie Miller said the studio couldn't attribute any of its growth to MVC.

Pixar, the Disney digital animation studio, drew Campbell and Mayor Gregor Robertson to the post-Olympic opening of its Gastown office in April 2010. It closed in October 2013.

WAS IT WORTH IT?

So what became of Campbell's $10 billion Olympic boost?

An October 2011 PwC report commissioned by Ottawa and Victoria estimated the Games increased B.C.'s Gross Domestic Product by $2.3 billion from 2003 to 2010. Hosting the Olympics was among many reasons why B.C.'s debt grew $24 billion over the last decade.

Was the Games' $6 billion-plus price tag money well-spent? In early 2011, B.C.'s then-Auditor General John Doyle chose not to conduct a post-Games audit.

Post-Games: The good, bad and ugly of the venues

The Olympic-triggered, $800-million Sea-to-Sky Highway widening made the drive to Whistler faster and smoother. Vancouver International Airport is only 26 minutes from downtown via the $1.9-billion Canada Line. Vancouver Convention Centre was expanded for $880 million to host major international conventions and it has the 2010 Winter Games cauldron as a decoration.

But with Canada's athletes bound for next month's Sochi Olympics getting a street party send-off Jan. 11 in Banff — not Whistler — and a homecoming parade planned for May in Calgary, the 1988 Games host that remains the national winter sports training base, one has to wonder: What's the Vancouver 2010 winter sport legacy?

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Vancouver Olympic Village: $1.1 B

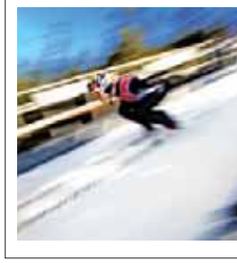
Petitioned to receivership in November 2010, all but 67 of the 1,108 units were sold or rented by November 2013. City of Vancouver is forecasting a $50 million loss, not counting the $171 million developer Millennium was supposed to pay for the land. Dozens of condo owners are going to B.C. Supreme Court April 7 to seek refunds. Canada's Sochi 2014 snowboarding team, including Regina's Mark McMorris and 2010 gold medallist Maelle Ricker of Squamish, was unveiled here on Jan. 3.

Richmond Olympic Oval: $178 M

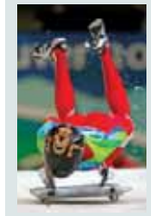
Last June's Tough Mudder obstacle race drew 20,000 participants and spectators to Whistler Olympic Park, the biggest Callaghan Valley event since the Games. The two-week Sea-to-Sky Nordic Festival last March served as national championships for the four nordic disciplines, including women's ski jumping. No alpine skiing or snowboarding world cups have returned to the region. Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first home gold medal on Cypress Mountain's freestyle slope, but the Olympic halfpipe was demolished.

Whistler Olympic Park: $122 M

Site of cross-country skiing, biathlon, nordic combined and ski jumping, it drew 20,000 to last June's Tough Mudder obstacle race. The two-week Sea-to-Sky Nordic Festival last March included national championships for women's ski jumping, which debuts at Sochi 2014 after a failed legal battle before Vancouver 2010.



Whistler Sliding Centre: $119 M



As of November, all but 67 of the 1,108 units at the $1.1 billion Village on False Creek had been sold or rented, three years after it was put into receivership over $740 million owed by developer Millennium. City of Vancouver forecast a $50-million loss, not including the $171 million Millennium was supposed to pay for the prime waterfront land. Sixty-eight condo owners, who allege shoddy workmanship, are suing city hall for refunds. A B.C. Supreme Court trial is scheduled to begin April 7.

Elsewhere

Curling is still played at the $85.45 million Hillcrest Centre, but its post-Olympic configuration includes a hockey rink, swimming pools and a library. Cypress Mountain cost $17.6 million to prep for the Games. Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first home gold on its freestyle skiing slope, but the snowboarding halfpipe was demolished after the Games. Ceremonies venue B.C. Place Stadium, renovated for $514 million after the Games, boasts the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame and its Olympics gallery.

What became of VANOC?

At its peak four years ago, the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games had a workforce of 50,000 paid employees, contractors and volunteers.

The 2003-created corporation still exists, under a four-person board that will meet sometime in early 2014.

"VANOC continues to operate at a minimal level while outstanding claims are resolved," admitted chair Ken Dobell, the last remaining original director who was ex-Premier Gordon Campbell's right hand man.

Dobell claimed VANOC, which was named in several personal injury and business disruption lawsuits, balanced a $201,000 budget for the year that ended July 31, 2013.

"A final financial statement will be released on dissolution, which we anticipate will take place in the first half of 2014," Dobell said via email. "The board will not release further financial information until that time."

The other directors are Vancouver city manager Penny Ballem, Resort Municipality of Whistler lawyer Sharon Fugman and Canadian Olympic Committee CEO Chris Overholt. Ballem was a signatory to the fall 2010 agreement that will keep VANOC financial records and board minutes hidden from the public eye in the Vancouver Archives until 2025.

Dobell said the board is "confident" VANOC's remaining assets will cover its liabilities, but he did not specify.

John Furlong smiles alongside VANOC organizing committee members at a press conference during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

In its most-recent public report on Dec. 17, 2010, VANOC claimed a balanced $1.884 billion operating budget through July 31, 2010. But that required $187.8 million extra from taxpayers already on the hook for more than $600 million in venue construction. Operations were supposed to be covered by corporate sponsorship, broadcast rights, and ticket and souvenir sales. Even before the Great Recession hit, VANOC sought more funds from governments.

VANOC's registered address is on the fourth floor of 375 Water Street at the TwentyTen Group, a marketing agency formed by ex-VANOC executives Andrea Shaw and Bill Cooper.

Dobell said there is no relationship with TwentyTen Group and its office is only used "as rarely needed temporary meeting space." The address is also shared by John Furlong Enterprises, the company owned by the ex-VANOC CEO. Furlong is denying three 2013 lawsuits that claim he abused students at a Burns Lake Catholic elementary school where he was a volunteer gym teacher in 1969. Examination for discovery is scheduled for February. In October, Furlong dropped his 2012 defamation lawsuit against the Georgia Straight, but not reporter Laura Robinson. Trial dates have not been scheduled.

"VANOC is not financially supporting Mr. Furlong in his legal affairs," Dobell said. "VANOC has no relationship with John Furlong Enterprises."

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Online

For more on Metro's 2010 Olympics look back, go to metronews.ca.

With opposing hearts

Olympic booster and opponent ponder Vancouver legacy

Ex-Vancouver Canucks owner Arthur Griffiths was Vancouver Whistler Bid Society's leader when it got Canadian Olympic Committee approval in 1998 to seek the 2010 Games. Scientist and author Chris Shaw was Vancouver's best-known Olympic critic. In separate interviews they look back at Vancouver 2010.

Most important legacy?

Griffiths: "The spirit that Vancouver demonstrated... That our fans, the residents and so on just really stepped up to the plate and made this a fun experience for anybody that watched or attended the Games."

Shaw: "The Government of Canada, acting on behalf of the Olympics, made the possibility of civil dissent a subject for surveillance. For me that was the most shocking revelation, that our society is not as free and democratic."

Was it money well spent?

Griffiths: "Without question ... Ultimately Vancouver showed that you can host the Olympics by creating venues that have real long term use and take advantage of the venues that are already here."

Shaw: "I don't think so. Comparing it to the Russians, guess we got a bargain! That $6 billion or whatever the real number turned out to be could clearly have been used for many more beneficial things that would have aided society at large."

Advice for Toronto, host of the 2015 Pan American Games.

Griffiths: "They're spread out over such a vast area. It is a huge, huge undertaking, just more athletes than the Winter Games. I hope they will demonstrate to themselves, they will demonstrate to anybody looking, the IOC and FIFA, that there is an opportunity for Toronto ... to host a future Games or some major sporting event. Toronto is more than equipped for it."

Shaw: "Your city is going to change for that period of time and you will not be able to go about your business the same way because it is for the benefit of the people who run the Games ... best advice is to do what a lot of people did in Vancouver: Get out of town. Having said that, if you really want to express your view, go out in the streets with a placard and see how far you get with that and express your displeasure to the powers that be." BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO

Food heavyweights have slim-down success

Beat resolution. Companies used classic diet methods — portion control and calorie reduction — to pare down calories in products

Some of the largest food companies in the U.S. have cut daily calorie counts by an average of 78 per person, a new study says, more than four times the amount the industry pledged to slash by next year.

The study, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, found that between 2007 and 2012, the estimated total cut in food product calories from a group of 16 major food companies was in the range of 6.4 trillion.

Seventy-eight calories would be about the same as an average cookie or a medium apple, and the federal government estimates an average daily diet at around 2,000 calories.

The study said the calories cut averaged out to 78 calories per day for the entire U.S. population. The 2010 pledge taken by the companies — including General Mills Inc., Campbell Soup Co., ConAgra Foods Inc., Kraft Foods Inc., Kellogg Co., Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc. and Hershey Co. — was to cut one trillion calories by 2012 and 1.5 trillion calories by 2015. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation signed on to hold the companies accountable, and it hired researchers at the University of North Carolina to count the calories in almost every single packaged item in the grocery store. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Those are some svelte-looking soup cans. Some major U.S. food companies successfully reduced calories in recent years. J. DAVID AKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Page turner. French Senate tries to give independent bookstores fairy tale ending

If the French Senate gets its way, retail giant Amazon and its online peers won't be able to offer free book deliveries in France anymore.

In an unusual show of unity Thursday, the upper house of parliament unanimously approved a bill that would amend a 33-year-old law regulating book prices, and help struggling independent book sellers, which have faced tough competition from cost-cutting online vendors in the digital age.

The bill would allow online vendors like U.S.-based Amazon to cut the regular delivery price by up to five per cent — but not provide free delivery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new bill wants online companies like Amazon to stop free delivery in France. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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1 Hockey Canada. The team announced their men's roster live on TV and Twitter, and the hashtag #TeamCanada blew up with people chirping on who made the team and who didn't. After all, what's more important than the Olympic Men's Hockey team? Nothing. Biggest question mark: Why didn't Martin St. Louis make the team?

2 Hatching Twitter. This excellent new book by Nick Bilton tells the story of how Twitter came to be. It talks about the drama between the founders as the revolutionary social media platform was built and became the biggest thing since... well, Facebook. The book also explains that constant "Fail Whale" that used to plague the site.

3 Dragons' Den auditions. The 2014 Audition Tour for the hit show begins Jan. 18 in Toronto before heading coast to coast over the next few months to accept pitches from would-be entrepreneurs. My pitch this year will be a solar vortex line of clothing to combat Canadian weather such as blizzards and ice storms.

4 Tweet-a-Coffee. Starbucks Canada announced an e-gifting program, Tweet-a-Coffee, allowing customers to send $5 gift cards through Twitter by going to Starbucks.ca. Customers can redeem it at stores by showing it directly on their mobile device. Great idea. Now when are we going to see Tweet-a-Double-Double from Tim Hortons?

5 Toronto Raptors. Ever since they traded their star player Rudy Gay in December, they have done everything but tank. In fact, they have become the talk of the NBA with their young, exciting nucleus of Terrence Ross, Kyle Lowry, Amir Johnson, Jonas Valanciunas and DeMar DeRozan. Playoff team? Slam dunk. This team is for real.

6 #WeAreWinter. The Canadian Olympic Committee announced a We Are Winter-marketing campaign including a social media partnership with Twitter to use the hashtag #WeAreWinter. It is meant to denote Canadian Olympians can handle this winter stuff: It's at the heart of our identity. We'll prove it for sure when the Games begin Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia. Until then, chill out.

7 Jelly. Twitter founder Biz Stone launched his startup Jelly, an app that lets you ask questions, push them out to your network and get rapid responses. Jelly puts a heavy emphasis on visuals, encouraging users to post photos and ask questions about what they're seeing. This could become the world's biggest and longest visual Q & A ever.

8 Juan Pablo. The new season of The Bachelor debuted this week with 27 suitors for hunky Latino star Juan Pablo, whose name quickly went trending on social media. Thousands of guys are now secretly hoping their partner refers to them as "my Juan Pablo."

9 SNL. Mark Jan. 18 on your calendar as Canadian hip-hop star Drake will have double duty that night, being host and musical guest of SNL. That show also marks the debut of the show's new cast member Sasheer Zamata, the first female African-American cast member since Maya Rudolph's departure in 2007. This will be a special night.

10 The Green Lady. One of the oddest police releases ever went out this week. Someone stole a six-foot tall, 600-pound green avatar mannequin wearing a $300 black fur coat from the front porch of a fashion store called Tragically Hipp in downtown Lakefield, Ont. She was known as The Green Lady. The Tragically Hip should write a song about her.

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Meanwhile, in Australia ...

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Record heat wave Down Under

Heat-stressed baby flying foxes are lined up ready to feed at the Australia Bat Clinic near the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia. Bats are dropping from trees, kangaroos are collapsing in the Outback and gardens are turning brown. While North America freezes under record polar temperatures, the southern hemisphere is experiencing the opposite extreme as heat records are set in Australia after the hottest year ever.

Weather forecasters said some parts of the sparsely populated Pilbara region along the rugged northwest coast approached 50 C on Thursday.

The late arrival of the monsoon in northern Australia, which has a cooling effect, is contributing to the searing heat, said the manager of climate monitoring at Australia's Bureau of Meteorology. Global warming also plays a role, he said.

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By the numbers

50K

At least 50,000 bats have been killed by the heat in the state's southeast, said Louise Saunders, president of the Queensland animal welfare group Bat Conservation and Rescue. Heat-stressed bats cling to trees and urinate on themselves in a bid to reduce their body temperatures, she said. "As they succumb, they just fall in heaps at the base of trees ... you can have 250 or more. It's like dripping chocolate, all dying at the base of trees."

Clickbait

ANDREW FIFIELD
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TVs boasting screens swollen to silly sizes have stolen the Consumer Electronics Show spotlight this week. But in the end, they're just TVs. Very, very expensive TVs. Nuts to that. We want gadgets! Here are three CES gizmos with crowdsourcing campaigns you can jump into.

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PrioVR:

Many gamers have been lusting for Oculus Rift, a virtual reality gaming system that boasts, among other things, a mortality-teasing guillotine simulator. PrioVR, pretty much a full-body VR Power Glove hosting an array of sensors capable of real-time motion capture, may be destined to turn this nascent VR lust into love. (priovr.com)

Touch Jet:

Sure, a small projector that attaches to your mobile device so you can display your images on a wall is pretty cool. But a device that projects a working touch-screen on a wall? That's some science-fiction that fits snugly in your pocket. The company behind it is planning to launch an Indiegogo campaign in February. (atouchjet.com)

Solar Cool:

We're willing to bet you've audibly wished for a solar-powered beverage cooler on some hot day, even if that probably seems like a distant memory this winter. Well, here it is: capable of holding up to 114 cans, this device promises to capture the heat of the sun and convert it to pleasant, drinkable refreshment. (solarcooltech.com)

Comments

RE: Danish Cinnamon Rolls Too Spicy for EU Rules, published online Wednesday, Jan. 9

EU = ultimate nanny state.
Myworkisdonehere, posted to metronews.ca

I'm glad they still have time for issues like this, we wouldn't want them to solve the financial crisis that has plunged Southern Europe into a depression. There is a theory that says having a large proportion of young men in a society make it more warlike. Perhaps having a large proportion of seniors makes a society cautious to the point of inaction.
BugsBunny, posted to metronews.ca

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SCENE 2

Synopsis

The Reel Guys are hardy Canadians, but with the sub-zero weather we've been having lately even the most robust Canuck deserves a snow day. With that in mind, the Reel Guys have put away their long underwear, ear muffs and dignity and decided to stay home. At the risk of earning ridicule from our friends in Saskatchewan and other places where it regularly gets frigid, here are our ideas for movies to take your mind off the deep freeze. Close the drapes, turn up the heat and enjoy...

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RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Movies to forget the snow. The Reel Guys chat about the films that get them hot

Richard: Spring Breakers was shot in St. Petersburg, Florida, so expect lots of beach shots, beautiful sunsets and a young cast — featuring Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Benson and Rachel Korine— stripped down to clothing that would cause instant frost bite for those us of living in the Great White North these days. The story of the illegal way they try to make money for spring break plays more like a wild music video than traditional film, but there's no denying the heat that comes off the screen.

Mark: Heat is right! I thought I was going through male menopause watching the movie. Another way to bring some cinematic heat into this cold hard winter is by watching as many surfing movies as possible. There are the documentaries, to be sure, but, wet suits replace bikinis ... not good! I like movies like Blue Crush, Soul Surfer, and my all-time favourite, Point Break, which mixes surfing, bank robbery, and acid cults with Keanu Reeves at the helm. Marvellous!

RC: Surfing movies were never really my thing, but in the goofy Surf's Up there's animated penguins, goofy sidekicks, loads of poop jokes and Zooey Deschanel but it's a cut above the rest. On another note, not since Meatballs has a movie captured the silliness of summer camp. Wet Hot American Summer was shot in a cold Pennsylvania spring — you can even see the actor's breath sometimes — but it's still plenty steamy. The all-star millennial comedy cast features Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler and Bradley Cooper in a Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh story about the last wild day of camp.

MB: Summer camp? I'm with you on the Canadian classic Meatballs, with the great Bill Murray. But there's another counter-intuitive way to go here, Richard. And that is to watch movies that depict a world so hot, you'll be wishing for some refreshing snowflakes. Just put on the great Lawrence of Arabia. You'll want to make a snowman by the second hour. Or Gus Van Sant's Gerry or Antonioni's Zabriskie Point, both of which take place in literal and existential deserts. Dune would probably work too, although I've never met anyone who could watch it all the way through.

RC: Talk about flipping from one extreme to the other. I'll stick with a more moderate climate for my last pick. Under the Tuscan Sun is a hot love story starring Diane Lane set in moderate, but enjoyable temperatures.

MB: A lovely movie. But let's not forget the old standby: The Yule Log, burning brightly on DVD. Not much of a cast, the acting is wooden, but the dialogue crackles!

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Cube and Hart buddy up in new comedy

Ride Along. Actors talk about trying to make a movie in the spirit of 48 Hours

It takes a certain amount of confidence and bravado to wade into the buddy-cop genre with a brand new entry, and luckily no one's ever accused Ice Cube and Kevin Hart of lacking confidence. Here's what they had to say about what it took to pull off their new comedy, Ride Along.

Ice Cube on how to approach a "buddy-cop" movie:
The goal for Ride Along was to "be true to the characters and the script, but also try to find a niche that makes us unique. People have seen buddy comedies since movies began, even before that probably. There are some great ones, and they're great for a reason: because they make their own niche and their own mark on the genre. That's what we wanted to do. We want it to be 48 Hours for this new generation who don't know who the hell Nick Nolte is.

Kevin Hart on being careful to not make his character too annoying:
You have to have someone there who can dial you back, and Cube coming in as an actor, a producer, a guy who was really in front of and behind the scenes on this film, he wasn't shy with collaboration and suggestions. When you're protected and everybody knows to pull you back when you're going too far, it just helps for not only a great rapport but for building trust.

Ice Cube on how annoying Kevin Hart actually is:
Kevin is not annoying at all just as himself, but he plays that mosquito very well. He knows how to go there and make it feel honest and true, and that's cool because if you don't stay in your lane on these movies, they can kind of cancel each other out. I'm not trying to be funny and he's not trying to say, 'OK, here's my scene where I can be Dirty Harry.' I trust that he's going to come up with the funny lines, he's going to have the funny ad-libs. And he trusts me to sustain the setup and try to milk it as long as we can before it falls apart.

Ice Cube on having an "I guess it was a good day" reference worked into the film:
Tim Story or the writers (thought of that). For some reason, in most of my movies I'm saying something that has to do with a record I've done. In Torque, I drove right by the police and they were like, 'Say f— the police right as you drive by.' I just did some stuff with 22 Jump Street where they wanted me to say one of my lines. It's cool. I don't mind. Only if it works for what we're doing, if it adds up to a wink-wink to the audience."

Kevin Hart on the joys of filming in Atlanta:
I loved Atlanta. I can't say why I had a good time because I don't want this to come out misconstrued. But I love Atlanta for a lot of reasons. I'm in a relationship and I love my lady. I just want to... clear that up. (laughs) I'll leave it there.

Ice Cube stars in Ride Along, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

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Ice Cube on directors asking him to quote lines from his songs in movies

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Lone Survivor

Director. Peter Berg

Stars. Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch

Lone Survivor is further proof that war is hell. Based on a failed real-life SEAL Team 10's Afghanistan mission to locate and eliminate a Taliban leader — the movie's title is a spoiler. The operation goes wrong almost as soon as the team — Marcus (Mark Wahlberg), Michael (Taylor Kitsch), Danny (Emile Hirsch) and Matthew (Ben Foster) — touch ground in the Kush Mountains. Not since Saving Private Ryan has a battle scene been so effectively rendered but it isn't a propaganda film: it's a stark reminder of the camaraderie of soldiers. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama/Comedy

Her

Director. Spike Jonze

Stars. Joaquin Phoenix

Writer-director Spike Jonze's latest oddball offering is an emotionally sophisticated, Sci-Fi tinted love story hiding in an absurdist fantasy skin. In it, Joaquin Phoenix plays a professional letter writer who falls madly in love with his sentient, sensual operating system (voiced gloriously by Scarlett Johansson) with surprising, surreal results. Her is like a mad amalgam of Ray Bradbury's I Sing The Body Electric smashed up against Demon Seed anchored by sly satire and an unforgettable, career best turn by Phoenix. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

Comedy/Drama

August: Osage County

Director. John Wells

Stars. Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Benedict Cumberbatch

Fans of dysfunctional family dramas, you've hit the jackpot. In this adaptation of playwright Tracy Letts's August: Osage County, a patriarch's mysterious disappearance prompts a star-studded family reunion that will make your wacky relatives look saintly. The highly anticipated on-screen union of Streep and Roberts doesn't disappoint, but it's understated, touching performances by Cumberbatch, Margo Martindale and Juliette Lewis that give August its gravitas. **MANORI RAVINDRAN**

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Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey

Captain Phillips (PG) Sat-Sun 1:50
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
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12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

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SOUND CHECK
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I tried to keep things serious this week but everything went off the rails rather quickly. It must be the cold.

Blue Eyed Hexe/ The Pixies

The Pixies start 2014 with a new four-track release entitled EP-2, which includes plenty of cowbell à la '89's U-Mass. Fan will approve.

Tiger Train/ Liam Lynch

I have no idea what's going on in this jokester's latest video, but I couldn't look away. It now inhabits my dreams.

Pop, Lock & Drop It/Animatronic Bear Band

Yes, I mean one of those cutesy robot bands you see at places like Chuck E. Cheese. Some guy bought one and then programmed it to perform Huey's 2009 crunk track. Surreal.

OutKast reunites for music festival

Coachella. Hip-hop duo to return to the stage after half-decade hiatus

Antwan "Big Boi" Patton, left, and Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin of Outkast appear onstage during MTV's Total Request Live at the MTV Times Square Studios in New York City in this 2006 file photo. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rap duo OutKast will headline the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in April, ending a half-decade hiatus for one of hip-hop's most popular and important acts.

OutKast joins Arcade Fire and Muse as headliners for the festival that plays over two weekends in Indio, Calif.

Other acts scheduled include Pharrell Williams, Beck, Queens of the Stone Age and Lorde. The reunited The Replacements also will appear.

Andre "Andre 3000" Benjamin and Antwan "Big Boi" Patton came out of Atlanta with a unique sound two decades ago and became one of rap's top-selling and most-lauded acts, winning the Grammy Award for album of the year for double album Speakerboxxx/The Love Below.

They have not released an album as OutKast since 2006's Idlewild, a soundtrack.

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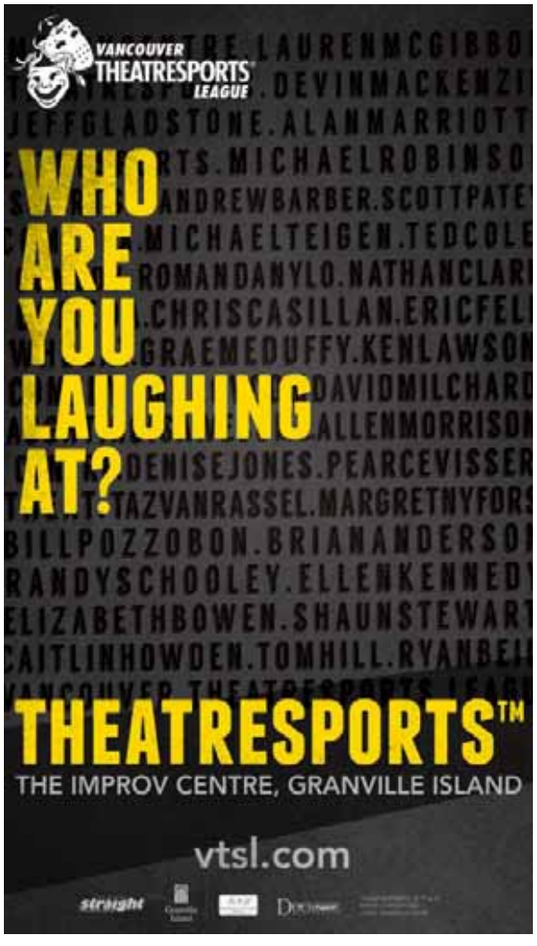

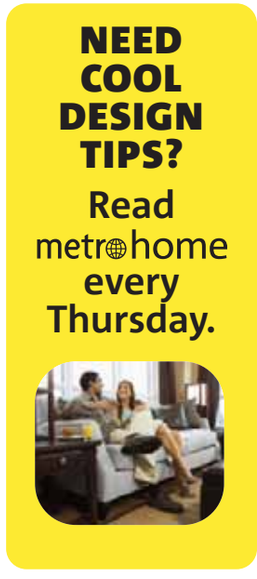

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PRODUCTS THAT WILL CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION OF TECHIES THIS YEAR

With more than 20,000 new tech products expected to be unveiled at the 2014 Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas this week, here is a look at what will be turning heads.

LG G FLEX SMARTPHONE (PRICE TBD)

The world's first curved, flexible smartphone. The curved screen not only feels nice against the side of your face, the screen can bend slightly, preventing it from breaking if accidentally sat on. The back of the phone is also self healing, which means minor scratches from car keys and coins will gradually repair themselves over time. Expect to see this in consumer's hands in North America this spring.

LG G Flex smartphone (price TBD)

TREWGRIP ($250)

Easily one of the most bizarre accessories on the show floor. This Bluetooth keyboard, which pairs with your smartphone or tablet, has the keys on the backside so you never see your fingers. Its inventor claims you can become proficient with the unique keyboard after eight to 10 hours of use.

PARROT JUMPING SUMO (PRICE TBD)

This zippy, two-wheeled robotic toy can race around at high speeds and stop on a dime. However, it also has a hidden secret — it can jump. The Jumping Sumo, which is controlled through your smartphone or tablet, can reach heights of nearly three feet, meaning it can jump up stairs or onto tables. It also has a built-in camera so you can record your adventures. The Jumping Sumo is still a prototype, so no word on price or release date.

Okidokeys ($179 to $269)

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NETATMO JUNE UV SENSOR ($99)

The June UV Sensor has to be one of the most practical, wearable devices designed. The flashy sensor, which is worn around your wrist, lets you know when you should put on a hat or reapply sunscreen based on your skin type and habits. The stylish design will likely catch the eye of tech-savvy women.

OKIDOKEYS ($179 TO $269)

Say goodbye to the traditional lock and key. Smart locks that allow you to unlock your front door with your smartphone have been on the market for some time, but Okidokeys take it a step further. Besides your smartphone, you can program bracelets, wallet cards, or even a smart watch to unlock your door when they come within close proximity. You can set the hours as to when they will work, or also send a signal to a friend's phone to unlock your home.

LG HEART RATE MONITOR EARPHONES (PRICE TBD)

These stylish looking earbuds serve a dual purpose. Not only do they let you listen to your favourite tunes while you work out, they also monitor your heartbeat by measuring signals from your inner ear. If you pair it with LG's soon-to-be released Lifeband activity wristband you will see real-time heart rate data on your wrist. LG hasn't announced a price or release date at press time.

SONY 4K CAMCORDER ($1,999)

Shoot stunning video just like professional filmmakers with Sony's 4K Camcorder. This video camera shoots video with four times the resolution of high definition. The price may be a bit steep, but the picture quality is jaw-dropping considering the small size of this camera. Home videos will never be the same.

LENOVO HORIZON II ($999 AND UP)

A tablet on steroids! This whopping 27-inch tablet comes in a wide variety of configurations and will last four hours on a single battery change. Place it on the optional stand and turn your tablet into a table PC, complete with games like table hockey.

SONY CORE (PRICE TBD)

It's the tiniest gadget Sony has made. At first glance this small piece of wearable tech can easily be dismissed as a run-of-the-mill activity monitor. Not so fast. The Sony Core pairs with Sony devices in your home to monitor things like the photos you take and the television shows you watch. The end result is a snapshot of your lifestyle played back for you on-screen, which can be later be analyzed for lifestyle improvement.

SAMSUNG BENDABLE TELEVISION (PRICE TBD)

From smartphones to televisions, curved screens are all the rage in home electronics this year. Samsung's latest television transforms its flat screen into a curved display with the touch of a button. The screen bends, giving you a more immersive viewing experience. Price and availability have yet to be determined.

CUB CADET ELECTRIC ZERO-TURN RIDING MOWER ($3,999)

Move over electric car — there's a new vehicle in town. Cub Cadet has introduced the world's first electric zero-turn riding mower with steering wheel. The mower can cut grass for 60 to 90 minutes on a single charge, depending on the terrain, and can turn on a dime. Expect this mower to hit Canadian lawns this spring.

SONY TENNIS SENSOR (PRICE TBD)

Become a tennis pro with a little help from Sony. This specialized prototype tennis racket has a sensor built-in that can analyze how you play the game. Monitor impact point on racquet, ball speed or analyze your entire swing.

– Mike Yawney

Lenovo Horizon II ($999 and up), clockwise, from left, TREWgrip ($250), Parrot Jumping Sumo (price TBD), and Sony 4K Camcorder ($1,999).

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Humanitarian award has Hudson fighting back the tears

Actress-singer Jennifer Hudson, right, and sister Julia Hudson. GETTY IMAGES

Jennifer Hudson held back tears when she accepted the favourite humanitarian award at the 2014 People's Choice Awards on Wednesday night.

Accompanied on stage by her sister Julia Hudson, the Oscar-winning actress became choked up as she said: "My mother always taught us without family you have nothing. Whether you know it or not, we all are family. What happens to the other happens to us. It's one thing to be a celebrity and have power, but it means nothing if we're not making a difference and helping someone else."

Hudson created the Chicago-based Julian D. King Gift Foundation with her sister, Julia Hudson, in honour of her nephew, Julian King, who was murdered in 2008 at the age of seven. The crime also took the lives of the Hudsons' mother and brother.

The foundation aims to provide stability and positive experiences for children. Hudson was presented with the award by LL Cool J. "It feels good to see positivity acknowledged," she said. "Where we come from all you hear about is who shot who and who went to jail. There is more to life than the block you live on. We want to show them that I came from the same area and if I can do it, you can do it too. It does not stop there."

Hudson's speech was the only thing to strike a strong emotional chord during the ceremony. Bestowing the humanitarian award remains a gripping moment in a show primarily packed with light-hearted banter.

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Osbourne's engagement off after 'amicable' split

The wedding's off for Kelly Osbourne, who just announced that she's split from fiancé Matthew Mosshart just months after announcing their engagement. "Kelly Osbourne and Matthew Mosshart have decided to end their engagement," her rep tells People magazine. "The split is amicable and the pair continue to have nothing but the utmost respect for one another. Kelly is looking forward to a new year full of fresh beginnings. No further comment will be provided." The pair met in 2011 at Kate Moss' wedding.

Pattinson gets playful with artist friend

Robert Pattinson was reportedly getting "very touchy-feely" with London-based artist Nettie Wakefield on a night out together, according to a the British tabloid. "They were trying to keep a low profile but Rob teased Nettie by messing with her hair and they had a flirty play-fight," a source says. "Afterwards they were giggling like teenagers." Pattinson's rep insists, though, that the pair are "very good friends and are definitely not dating," which is probably good news for Dylan Penn, aspiring screenwriter and daughter of Sean Penn, whom Pattinson has reportedly been dating since November.

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Unless you're one of "those" people who keep Christmas decorations up until Easter, the only holiday joy yet to be spread is from your credit card companies.

Wine appreciation on a budget doesn't mean you have to scrimp on quality. In fact, the majority of wines between $10 and $12 dollars are solidly constructed and pleasantly consistent vintage to vintage.

Sure, while you'll give up nuance and complexity the cheaper you drink, most over deliver at their modest price points.

The best advice is to look for blended wines — those made from more than one grape variety — from warmer climates. Combining the juice of different berries can elevate the personality a simple wine (with each berry supporting the overall union) and reliable weather conditions assist in creating a standardized flavour profile.

Hardys' 2012 Stamp Series Riesling Gewurztraminer ($9.95 - $10.99) is a good example of my philosophy and its soft, floral aromas and off-dry, tropical-meets-citrus palate gives it food pairing versatility. Start with pork roast or Asian cuisine. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Where the American South and China meet

Dessert. Coconut-Orange Ambrosia

During Chinese New Year, displaying and eating tangerines and oranges is said to bring wealth and luck. Sounds like a fine start to the new year!

It doesn't hurt that oranges are hitting their prime about now. A great way to use up oranges is to make ambrosia, a lightly sweet treat that originates in the American South.

The two main ingredients are oranges and coconut, both welcome on any Chinese table. So celebrating Chinese New Year with this classic dish seems about right.

1. Use a paring knife to cut off the tops and bottoms of each orange. One at a time, stand each orange on a cut side and slice off the peel on all sides.

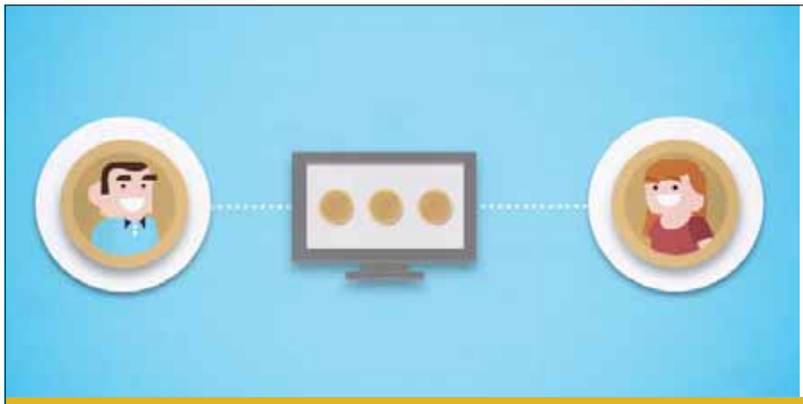
2. One at a time, hold the peeled oranges in a cupped hand over a bowl to catch the juices. Use the paring knife to cut out the orange segments from between the membranes.

Ingredients

- 8 to 10 large navel oranges
- 2 oz (4 tbsp) orange liqueur
- 2 tsp superfine sugar
- Pinch of salt
- Flesh from 1 fresh coconut, grated
- 1 sprig fresh mint
- Whipped cream

Add the segments to the bowl. When all of the segments have been removed from each orange, squeeze the membranes over the bowl to get as much juice as possible.

3. Sprinkle the oranges with the orange liqueur, sugar and salt. Toss gently. Divide between 4 serving bowls. Top with the fresh coconut, a few fresh mint leaves and whipped cream. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, AUTHOR OF SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.**



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Tarantino Burlesque

Blue Morris has created a unique burlesque showcase set to take over the stage this Friday at the Vancouver FanClub, and it will be his most unique yet. Featuring burlesque performances that capture the essence of Tarantino's masterpiece films, the choreography by Voodoo Pixie ought to be killer. More info and tickets available here: tarantino-burlesque.brownpapertickets.com. (Jan. 10, 1050 Granville St.)

VSO: Fifty Years of James Bond

In the spirit of 007, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has produced a special two-day performance (Jan. 10-11) in honour of Bond, James Bond. Celebrate Fifty Years of James Bond with the most memorable songs and music from Dr. No, Goldfinger and From Russia With Love all the way up to the Oscar-winning Skyfall. Conducted and performed by Capathia Jenkins, Ron Bohmer and John Morris Russell. Visit: vancouver-symphony.ca.

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Tempt your sweet tooth and make your way over to one of the Lower Mainland's newest specialty chocolate and pastry shops, located in West Vancouver. Bite into an array of freshly baked goods, croissants, desserts and sandwiches as you watch chef-owner Steven Hodge work chocolate magic in the state-of-the-art kitchen. For more info visit: temperpastry.com. (2409 Marine Dr.)

Coming up: PuSh Festival

Produced over 20 days each January, the PuSh Festival presents groundbreaking work in the live performing arts: theatre, dance, music and various hybrid forms of performance. Attracting acclaimed local, national and international artists to Vancouver, PuSh showcases contemporary work that is original, visionary and genre-bending from Jan. 14 to Feb. 2. Purchase tickets in advance and learn more at pushfestival.ca.

Opening gala: Typo

Hot Art Wet City Gallery and Shop will play host to a unique show that features typography as art. Going beyond the usual utilitarian use of letterforms, this show explores the idea that typography can be beautiful art through a series of specialty displays featuring typographic-based works from Bennett Slater, Scott Sueme, and Frazer Adams, plus guest artists. The opening night, Jan. 10, includes DJ N:coN. For more info visit: hotartwetcity.com/typo/. (2206 Main St.)

Noodlemania

Make room in your belly for the 2nd Annual Noodlemania tasting tour hosted by Vancouver Foodster (Jan. 12 from 1:30-5:30 p.m.). It's a culinary tour that will head into the kitchens of an array of Vancouver hotspots. Each restaurant will be serving up tasting bowls or plates for guests to enjoy, so it's a great way to mingle with food-loving friends. For details visit: noodlemania.ca/noodle-mania-january-12/ and wear walking shoes. (Various locations)

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Soccer

Whitecaps' coach talks Sanvezzo after dubious Twitter photo

Carl Robinson, the new head coach of the Vancouver Whitecaps, weighed in on the ongoing Camilo Sanvezzo saga.

On Thursday, photos arose on Twitter of Sanvezzo, the Brazilian striker under contract to the Whitecaps, wearing a Queretaro FC jersey and training with the club.

Earlier in the week, he was photographed in a Queretaro FC kit, which drew the ire of Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi.

Three days earlier, the club, along with Major League Soccer, sent written notice to the Mexican side, re-affirming that Sanvezzo, who won the MLS Golden Boot with 22 goals last year, was under contract to the Whitecaps.

"I want players committed to the club. Vancouver is a fantastic organization and it's got a history at the club," said Robinson, as per the Whitecaps' website.

Robinson added that he has spoken with Sanvezzo "three or four times" over the last couple of weeks.

"Any time someone puts that in jeopardy you have to ask questions," Robinson said. "Camilo's behaviour has not been acceptable. I've let him know that. He's under contract to the club, as are a lot of the other players. None of the other contracted players have acted like that and we need to try and find out why this behaviour has popped up."

CAM TUCKER/METRO

Enforcer Sestito a hit with Canucks

NHL. Tough guy wants to show skill, but won't shy away from physical play

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The Canucks' Tom Sestito is widely regarded as being an enforcer but he says he has more to offer than just fisticuffs.
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Ask Tom Sestito about the improvement in his game, and he'll bring up the phrase "power forward." Forget "goon."

Sestito, listed at six-foot-five-inches tall, weighs around 228 pounds and is known more for his fisticuffs. He has seen his role with the Vancouver Canucks grow over the past few weeks, earning more than 16 minutes in ice time, including a look on the power play Sunday against the Anaheim Ducks.

He followed that up with 13 minutes of ice time Tuesday against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

He almost scored what would've been one of the prettiest goals of the season, too, as he dangled a Pittsburgh defenceman and nearly pulled off the backhand to forehand move on goalie Marc-Andre Fleury.

"In junior, I was a 40-goal scorer (with the Plymouth Whalers in the Ontario Hockey League). I had the hands then," said Sestito on Thursday, ahead of the Canucks' game against the St. Louis Blues at Rogers Arena on Friday.

"It's just the role I've been put in, in the NHL. It isn't a role where you really display those type of plays, because if you get caught toe-dragging and it goes back the other way, you're sitting."

John Tortorella, in his days with the New York Rangers, didn't think too highly of Sestito when he was with the Philadelphia Flyers.

"I think he's probably one of our most improved players since the beginning of the year," said Tortorella.

Penalty box regular

103

Tom Sestito has racked up 103 penalty minutes in 42 games this season. He has scored four goals and assisted on another.

While working to contribute on a more consistent basis, Sestito isn't fooled into thinking he can simply forget about his primary objective, which is to be imposing and physical.

Against the Penguins, he was credited with a team-high seven bodychecks.

"I'm just trying to disturb, be a power forward," he said.

It's a sure bet that officials know when he's on the ice, too.

Sestito knows he can be under the microscope. He doesn't want that to deter him.

"I don't want to shy away from it at all."

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Seahawks starvin' for a healthy Harvin

NFL. Receiver, kick returner could have big impact in playoff game against Saints

Seahawks wide receiver/kick returner Percy Harvin. OTTO GREULE JR/GETTY IMAGES

Pete Carroll told Percy Harvin that the Seattle Seahawks were considering placing him on injured reserve to open up a roster spot ahead of the post-season.

Harvin's response: "Coach I'm ready to play ball."

That conversation less than two weeks ago was the start of a return that took another significant step on Thursday when Carroll announced Harvin would play on Saturday against New Orleans in an NFC divisional playoff game.

"We're excited about him going and excited for him. It's been a long, long haul for a guy that's such a great competitor and it means so much," Carroll said. "For him to have the opportunity to join us now is really exciting, I know, for him and us, too."

Harvin, an off-season acquisiton from the Vikings, ended up a spectator for most of the 2013 regular season.

It could be a big boost to Seattle's offence, which slumped late in the season.

"I'm just glad to be out there helping my team win right now. The playoffs, that's what we all dream about, to have home-field advantage, to have all the things the team has put in place," Harvin said.

Harvin missed the first two and a half months of the season following hip surgery in early August. He returned in Week 11 against Minnesota and caught one pass and had a 58-yard kickoff return. Harvin was then sidelined again by what Carroll called "soreness."

He had fluid buildup and swelling in his hip following that game against the Vikings, a 41-20 Seattle victory.

The turning point for Harvin came on Dec. 30 when Carroll essentially gave an ultimatum, saying the team was considering putting him on injured reserve. Harvin was impressive enough during a 15-minute workout with quarterback Russell Wilson that Carroll delayed making a roster decision.

Harvin took part in practice both days last week while Seattle was on its bye and was a full participant in practice on Wednesday and Thursday this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympics

Is Sochi a sign of trouble for Canucks?

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No one knows for sure how the Olympics will affect teams' chances when the NHL resumes play after the Sochi Games. But in the Canucks' case, if precedence a predictor, fans have one really big reason to worry about their team's stretch run when their stars return from Russia.

Seven players from Vancouver — Henrik Sedin, Daniel Sedin and Alexander Edler (Sweden), Dan Hamhuis and Roberto Luongo (Canada), Ryan Kesler (United States), and Yannick Weber (Switzerland) — will head to Sochi in February. It'll be the first time Edler and Hamhuis represent their countries at the Olympics, but the others have all done so before.

Looking back at 2009-10 gives a glimpse into what the Canucks can expect from their top-four players.

For the Sedins and Kesler, the Winter Olympics in 2010 were a jumping point to success over the last two months of the regular season. Daniel's points-per-game pace shot up from 1.26 before the Vancouver Games to 1.55 afterward. Henrik's went up from 1.31 to 1.52 and Kesler's improved from 0.89 to one. That's the good news.

The bad news is in goal. After leading Canada to gold, Luongo saw his play with the Canucks drop dramatically. He was 31-17-2 prior to the Olympics, with a 2.35 goals-against average and a 9.19 save percentage. After, he went just 9-5-2, as his GAA ballooned to 3.30 while his SP dipped to .893. He was barely any better in the playoffs, when he went just 6-6, with a 3.22 GAA and an .895 SP.

Being in the NHL's toughest division, Vancouver will be life and death just to get into the post-season and will need Luongo to make most of the starts in the season's final quarter. If he is healthy enough to play in Sochi, and becomes the No. 1 goalie for Canada as many pundits peg him to be, then fatigue has to be a factor when he returns to Vancouver.

NLL. Stealth set up to make noise from the get-go

Doug Locker expects there to be some poignant moments when his Vancouver Stealth meet the Minnesota Swarm this weekend.

The National Lacrosse League franchise — which consists of 14 players born in British Columbia — will take the floor in its first home game on Saturday since relocating to the Lower Mainland from Everett, Wash., in the off-season.

"It's going to be an emotional night," said Locker, the Stealth's president and general manager. "I think it will hit our players in warmups that they will be playing (in their home province) in front of friends and family."

Quoted

"He's a pretty spectacular player to watch and one of the best in the game, bar none."

Vancouver head coach and vice-president of lacrosse operations Chris Hall on Victoria's Rhys Duch

The Stealth are the league's second foray into the Vancouver area following the Ravens, who folded in 2004 after three seasons.

Unlike the previous NLL incarnation that played at the cavernous home of the Vancouver Canucks, the Stealth have set up shop in suburban Langley — one of the hotbeds of lacrosse in the region.

Something the Stealth also have going for them that the Ravens didn't is a winning tradition.

The Stealth spent the last four seasons in Everett and made three NLL championship games, winning the title in 2010. The Ravens, meanwhile, never won a playoff round in their three years of existence.

But the Stealth's success didn't resonate at the ticket window or with corporate sponsors.

"We just didn't have the momentum we wanted to see in terms of growth," Locker said when asked why the franchise moved north after the 2013 campaign. "When you go to a championship three out of four years, you expect to see growth.

"There were some great hardcore fans, but not enough support in the end."

Cue the move to Langley.

Head coach and vice-president of lacrosse operations Chris Hall, in his sixth season with the Stealth, said fans can expect a competitive product right out of the gate.

"The franchise has a winning pedigree and it's very stable in terms of ownership, executive, coaching and its core group of players," he said. "I think that's a big factor in why the team will succeed. People don't have to wait for us to win. We're clearly a top contender in the league right off the bat." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Knicks hot vs. Heat at least

Knicks guard Tim Hardaway Jr. dunks over the Heat's Ray Allen on Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.
Carmelo Anthony scored 29 points, Andrea Bargnani had 19, and the Knicks beat Miami 102-92 for their season-high third straight victory. Raymond Felton had 13 points and 14 assists for the Knicks, who seized control with a 16-2 run spanning the third and fourth quarters and beat the Heat for the fourth time in five meetings over the last two seasons. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There are so many ambitions you want to pursue and so many goals you want to reach, but not even an Aries can do everything at once. Decide what is the top thing that needs to be done — and do it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets indicate this is the perfect time to sit quietly and ponder the meaning of your existence. If that sounds a bit too intellectual, just plan your next big vacation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The first step toward resolving a problem is to recognize that there is a problem, and that is the step you must take today. For too long, you have ignored the warning signs.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Be completely honest with everyone you deal with today, even if it means you hurt their feelings. If you lie, despite the best of intentions, they will find out later and take it as a sign you cannot be trusted.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you have done something you are proud of then shout about it. You are no stranger to drawing attention to yourself but this is one of those occasions when you have every right to go on a lap of honour.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take care you don't get lulled into a false sense of security and end up making the kind of silly mistake you usually work so hard to avoid. Check every detail over the next 24 hours.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make an effort to put squabbles behind you. That might seem like a tall order considering how fragile certain relationships have been but it will be easier than you imagine.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Interesting information will come your way over the next 24 hours, making it easier for you to get your way. Once others realize you are ahead of the game, they are much more likely to do as you say.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be positive about what happens today. Look on the bright side and realize that negativity of any kind will only add to your problems. Most of the world's population would give its right arm to be you.

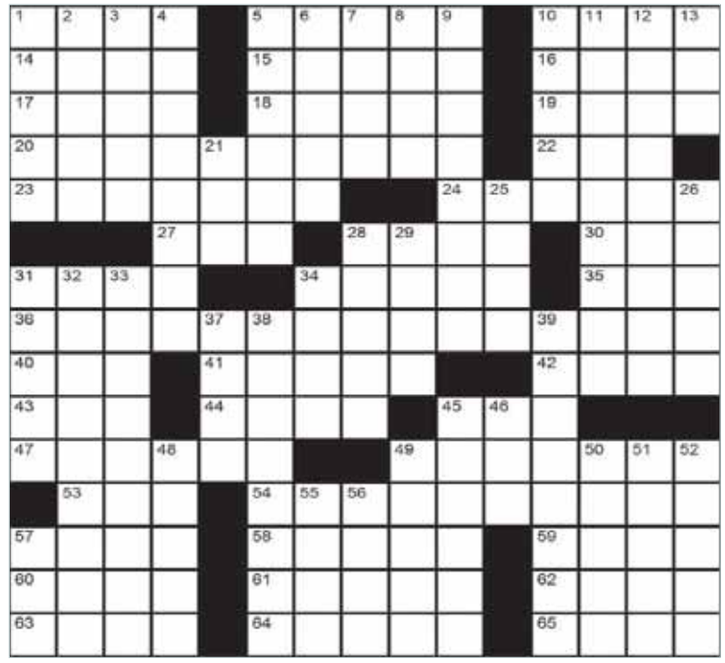
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Start something that helps you make your mark on the world. Don't worry that certain people might not approve. It's a sure sign that you are doing something worthwhile.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't reject an idea just because it seems impractical. A few days from now, you will see it in a light that makes you realize that if you want something enough, you can find a way to get it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It may seem that you are lucky, but it isn't true. The cosmos rewards those who deserve it and no one deserves it more than you. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ dancing (Punk†rock dance style)
5. Ms. Lovato's
10. Billy Ray Cyrus' "__ Breaky Heart"
14. Matador's victim
15. Forcibly seize
16. "To __ __ not to..."
17. Observer
18. Plane seating request
19. Lakes, in Quebec
20. Profession for #28-Across: 2 wds.
22. Informally seat theatre-goers
23. Mottos
24. Concurs
27. Profound feeling
28. Ms. Olson of Food Network Canada
30. "Alice" waitress
31. Egotistically emote
34. Had pizza delivered: 2 wds.
35. Singer Janis
36. Rainwater harvesting is a source of it: 2 wds.
40. 'Lobby' suffix
41. Piano's D Sharp key alternatively, _ __
42. Actress/singer Ms. Michele's
43. Q. "Who's that novelist Mr. Lawrence?" A. "_._., _ believe."
44. Some: 2 wds.
45. Actor Mr. Wheaton
47. Esoteric
49. Newspaper piece
53. Sarah McLachlan song
54. CRTC = Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications __
57. Face part
58. Characteristic
59. Quiz
60. Katarina of figure skating
61. www mag
62. Margarine
63. Deuce-ace
64. Giver
65. Average

Down
1. Footprints
2. Faithful
3. "You ___ ___ Beautiful" by Joe Cocker
4. CMHC = Canada __ and Housing Corporation
5. The Rock, aka __ Johnson
6. Hockey great Mr. Lindros, and namesakes
7. Go together well
8. Archipelago part
9. "Hart to Hart" star Ms. Powers
10. Q. "'Song 2', do you know it?" A. "Yes, it's _ __ song from 1997."
11. Peace, in wartime
12. Present-day Montreal in French explorer Jacques Cartier's time
13. Decade divs.
21. Carrot-consuming choice, cooked or __
25. "The Journey of Natty __" (1985)
26. Some electronics
28. Attorney-__-__
29. Nair competitor
31. Water filter company
32. Quentin Tarantino's "__ Dogs" (1992)
33. 'Cemetery of the Gulf' in Quebec, __ Island
34. Competent
37. Gradually withdraw
38. Influenced
39. Newfoundland town, 'The Root Cellar Capital of the World'
45. Author
46. The thing's
48. Have an __ __ grind
49. __ acid
50. Sky: Spanish
51. NBC's "The Biggest __"
52. Insects sci.
55. Pasta kind
56. Central
57. Nunavut's neigh.

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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1				7	6		5	
	6	2		8		9	3	4
	4					5	7	
			1		8			
	8	9					1	
2	3	5		4		1	9	
	1		3	9				7
					2			

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	6	8	7	3	4	1	9
4	1	9	2	6	5	7	8	3
3	7	8	9	4	1	2	6	5
9	6	1	5	8	7	3	4	2
5	3	2	4	1	6	9	7	8
7	8	4	3	9	2	6	5	1
6	9	5	7	2	8	1	3	4
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Family Special, Flights + 3 Nights
from **$365**[◊]
INCLUDES accom near theme parks. Price per person based on family of 4. **UPGRADE** to 4.5-star accom from $399. **ADD** *Disneyland* Resort 3-Day *1-Park Per Day* Ticket from $255/adult, $239/child (ages 3-9). **BOOK** this package based on double occupancy from $435.

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UPGRADE to 4.5- star accom from $1155.

Cancun 7 Nights 4-Star from **$1075**
UPGRADE to 4.5-star accom from $1105.

Vacations

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Flights + 7 Nights
from **$1259**
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INCLUDES 5 nights Phuket accom at Kata Beach and 2 nights central Bangkok accom. **ADD** River Kwai Tiger Temple tour from $115.

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Whistler 3 Nights
from **$399**pp
INCLUDES all-suite accom in the Village. **ADD** 2-day lift ticket from $195.

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